

Subject Entry Requirements

Please see the table below for entry requirements at GCSE. We know from experience that to be successful on most traditional A Level & BTEC courses you will need **five or more grade 4's- 9 at GCSE** (including English Language and Maths). However, some A Level subjects may require a grade 5 or 6 at GCSE. **Please see additional entry requirements in the table below.** For some of you, our successful vocational courses will be the best route to success. You should base your choice on your predicted grades, your career ambitions and what you enjoy doing.

For most courses there will be no external exams in Year 12 therefore students are committing to two years of study in each subject with most external exams at the end of Year 13.

Students will also choose an enrichment option from: Core Maths, Cyber EPQ, EPQ or Sports Leadership. The table below gives you a summary of the entry requirement for each subject.

For more information about each subject, please refer to the Sixth Form Prospectus on the school website www.trinity.cumbria.sch.uk. **Please remember that courses will only run if there is sufficient uptake.** Late applicants may find that that they have a restricted choice of subjects based on class size.

Subject	Qualification type	Additional entry requirements
Applied Science	Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)	Minimum of grade 4 passes in Science, Maths and English.
Art, Craft and Design	A Level	A grade 5 or above in GCSE Art or Photography, Graphics, Textiles or Media is recommended. (Or a confident portfolio of Artwork and knowledge of Artists).
Biology	A Level	Students must have at least a grade 6 in Higher Tier GCSE Biology or a grade 6-6 in combined science. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Business	BTEC	A grade 4 in GCSE Maths and English or equivalent. You do not need to have studied GCSE Business Studies but an interest in how businesses operate would be an advantage.
Business Studies	A Level	A grade 6 in GCSE Maths and a grade 5 in English. You do not need to have studied GCSE Business Studies but an interest in how businesses operate would be an advantage.
Chemistry	A Level	Students must have at least a grade 6 in Higher Tier GCSE Chemistry or a grade 6-6 in combined science. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options. 20% of the marks are from Level2 mathematical content. You will need to be a confident mathematician. Most degree level courses in Chemistry will also require A Level Maths. As written communication is also important, you'll need to be a strong writer.
Computer Science	A Level	A level 6 or above in GCSE Computer Science. If you have not studied Computer Science at GCSE then a level 6 in Maths or Science, or proof of previous programming experience will be considered. It would be recommended that if the student is not taking Maths, then they take Core Maths as an enrichment subject.
Criminology	WJEC Diploma Level 3	Five GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above including Maths and English.
D&T: Product Design	A Level	A grade 4 and above in Art or DT and grade 4 in English and Maths.
Drama and Theatre Studies	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE Drama or equivalent qualification or a proven outside interest in this area. Willingness to engage in extra-curricular drama is also very important. Practical and academic aptitude. Undertaking to see a range of live theatre.
English Language	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE English language. A passion for reading, both fiction and non-fiction is essential, an interest in creative writing, media and popular authors is also important.
English Literature	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE English Literature. A passion for reading classic and modern literature is essential.
French	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE French or equivalent.
Geography or Geology	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE Geography or equivalent. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Health and Social Care	Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)	Students do NOT have to have studied Health and Social Care or Child Development in Y11, but Grade 4+ in English & Biology will help due to the quantity of coursework and compulsory science content.

History	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE History or equivalent.
IT	Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)	Five GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above including Maths and English.
Law	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE English or History as this is an essay-based subject.
Mathematics	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 7 in GCSE Maths but strong grade 6s will be considered on an individual basis.
Media Studies	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 4 in GCSE English. A passion for media is essential! You will be expected to draw on your own experiences and more sophisticated media consumption at all stages of the course.
Mental Health	Level 3 Alternative Academic Qualification (AAQ)	Five GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above including Maths and English.
Music	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE music or other relevant music qualifications for example instrumental performance at grade 5 or music theory at grade 5.
Philosophy	A Level	It is recommended that students have a grade 5 in RE GCSE or equivalent qualification or English Language at grade 5.
Physical Education	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 5 in GCSE PE or equivalent qualification. Students must also play competitive sport outside of school (on the approved list – please Mr Threlkeld). This is vital for the NEA aspect of the course. Students who do not have GCSE PE should discuss course content with staff.
Physics	A Level	Students must have at least a grade 6 in Higher Tier GCSE Physics or a grade 6-6 in combined science. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Politics	A Level	A grade 4 in English Language at GCSE will be very useful as this is an essay-based subject.
Psychology	A Level	Strong Maths and Science skills are needed. Grade 7 Maths at GCSE is desirable but a grade 6 will be considered on an individual basis. Grade 6 in Biology or Combined Science is required. It is recommended that students also choose Core Maths from the Enrichment options.
Sociology	A Level	A grade 4 in English Language at GCSE will be very useful as this is an essay-based subject.
Spanish	A Level	It is recommended that students have at least a grade 6 in GCSE Spanish
Sport	BTEC	Five GCSEs at grade 4 and/or BTEC qualification(s) at level 2 Pass. Achievement in English and Mathematics through GCSE or Functional Skills. Ideally students will have prior knowledge from GCSE PE or a L2 sport qualification.

Students will also be required to choose from one of the following five enrichment options:

Core Maths	AS Level	At least a grade 4 in GCSE Mathematics. It is recommended that students studying A levels where Maths skills are an important part of the syllabus study AS Core Maths in addition to their 3 choices. These subjects include: Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Psychology, Geography.
Cyber EPQ	Chartered Institute of Information Security	There are no set entry requirements for Cyber EPQ.
EPQ	AS Level	There are no set entry requirements for EPQ. The Extended Project allows you to study a topic based on an area of personal interest or activity outside your main programme of study. Your project will be based on a topic chosen by you and agreed by staff.
Sports Leadership	SL2 & HSL3	An interest in Sport will help progression. These qualifications are designed to use sport and physical activity to help young people develop and hone their leadership skills whilst helping themselves and others stay physically active.

David Campbell Soccer Academy	Football (Playing, Coaching, Management) and Sport Level 3 Extended Diploma	Passion for football and sport. Other requirements discussed during application process.
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